

An Encouraging Report

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS in which the prosperity of a country may be measured. The amount of bank deposits, the volume of foreign and domestic trade, and the value of industrial and agricultural production are all indicators of the financial state of a nation. Another index of prosperity is employment. The country with a large percentage of the population out of work can be considered to be flourishing industrially or financially, while, on the other hand, a high rate of employment is looked upon as an indication of prosperity. Following the depression which followed the financial crash of 1929, unemployment in this country reached alarming proportions. The situation was gradually improving when the war came and thousands of men and women were engaged in war service and into war industries.

Figures Show An Increase

At that time, when record levels of employment were reached, there was some anxiety as to what would happen after the war when men were demobilized from the services, together with workers from war plants, would require regular employment. Although the war demand for labor was not continued, there was no serious unemployment situation so far, and recent figures given out by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics show that at the end of August, this year, more than 5,000,000 Canadians were employed. This marked an increase of approximately 137,000 over the number employed in May of 1945, and 150,000 more than the total of employed workers in August, 1944. The number of unemployed at the end of the August, 1945, this year, more than 73,000, and this figure was reported to be close to the lowest level of unemployment reached during the war years.

Survey Covers Large Section

The survey was commenced on the 15th of August, of this year, was part of the eighth quarterly review of labor conditions in Canada. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has been conducting cross-sections of approximately one per cent. of the civilian population living outside of institutions. Some 25,000 households, selected at random in all parts of the country, were interviewed. The material for the report, which is a most encouraging one. Seasonal drops in employment have been experienced in some industries, but the report shows that for workers is not always the same, and it is expected, but it appears that in spite of factors such as that, Canada is now maintaining a high level of employment, and this constitutes indication of the measure of prosperity which we are enjoying at this time.

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COYOTES PUT SHEEP BREEDERS OUT OF BUSINESS IN B.C.

WISTARIA, B.C.—Predatory attacks, particularly coyotes are reported to be driving sheep breeders out of business in British Columbia.

Charles Priest killed 27 ewes and lambs.

Robert Shindler reports the sheep's habit of charging is disappearing—right from the barnyard.

Speakers gathered outside of sheep from farmers of the Lake district.

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Growth Of Industry In West Seen

Factory Production Outstrips Agriculture In Four Western Provinces

(By Jack Aronson, Canadian Press) Western Canadians believe they are on the verge of "industrialization." The word "industrialization" will provide a safeguard against requirements of conditions which would make general bankruptcy slightly more than a decade ago.

Rapid growth The growth of industry is seen in every western town where smokestacks and chimneys have multiplied. And the visual evidence is backed up by statistics.

In 1929 the gross value of western manufactured products totalled \$302,013,000. In 1933, when depression was sweeping the world, the gross value of western manufactured products totalled \$250,000,000, but by 1944—the last year for which complete figures are available—the value had climbed to \$1,047,000,000.

There are good indications that this rise was not just a wartime phenomenon, for 1944 figures are estimated to have held up to the 1943 level.

Industrial production has thus passed agricultural output, which in 1944 was valued at \$668,000,000, to \$1,047,000,000 in 1944.

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Argument in favor Western industrial expansion is the fact that the west is not keeping all its eggs in one basket and argues as follows:

(1) Diversity of products gives the west a wide range of products, some markets, even in depression, while a single crop or industry is hit disastrously by a fall in demand.

(2) The west has an abundance of raw materials and should, so far as economy is concerned, be a net exporter of raw materials rather than ship out raw materials to be made into finished goods.

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MAY SEND UP TO 20 LBS. SUGAR AS GIFTS TO U.K.

OTTAWA.—Now that sugar rationing is off, Canadians will be able to send shipments up to 20 pounds to their friends in the United Kingdom merely by filling out the proper customs form.

One catch is that the British recipient will have to pay approximately 80 cents duty on a 20-pound bag, but a shipment would go a long way to bringing his 10-ounce-a-week ration up to Canadian rationing standards.

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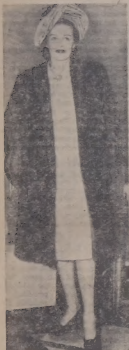
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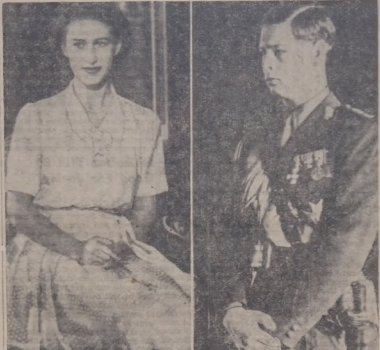
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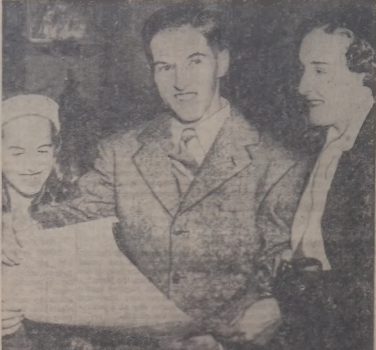
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SHE WEARS 'EM AS SHE PLEASES—No slave to fashion changes, actress star Madeline Carroll wears the little-black-dress formula as she arrives in New York aboard the Queen Elizabeth.



PRINCESS MARGARET ROSE RUMORED IN ROMANCE—London hears rumors of a romance between Princess Margaret Rose, who was 17 last August, and King Michael of Romania. 26 just recently, International News Service reports. Michael was a guest when Princess Elizabeth and Philip Mountbatten were married, and a London columnist quoted he will stay at Buckingham Palace.



HONORED BY HUMANE ASSOCIATION FOR BRAVERY—Thrashing propeller blades failed to deter Jimmy Lennox, 18, Fort William, wheelman on a Great Lakes lake ship, when he dove to rescue Ray Ebert last July. Here Jimmy shows his sister and mother his Royal Canadian Humane Association parchment.



NEW GOSPOPHAGUS—Albert Gagnon, who came from the prairies two years ago under the auspices of the Red Cross to have a new oesophagus made for him by Dr. Harold Wooley, is now in North Battleford, Sask., where medical care is available. He had eaten ice, which burned out his throat. After four years in hospital at Regina, he was sent to Toronto. This summer, with his new oesophagus, he was able to eat his birthday cake. Accompanying him on his trip to Saskatchewan is Miss E. Osborne, supervisor of child care under the Saskatchewan welfare department.



SQUATERS CUT UP HOUSE TO KEEP WARM—This half-house in Barnhart, Mo., was an abandoned four-room house before a mother and son, both squatters, moved in and cut up all but one room for heating wood.



FORBIDDEN FRUIT—One apple, department of agriculture officials say, can make a person liable to a \$100 fine and a six-month jail term, if that apple is sent to Britain. To be sent overseas apples must be certified free of maggots as one lone couple of the pests emerging from Canada could produce enough progeny to ruin thousands of dollars worth of U.S. apples.



"NOTHING TO GET EXCITED ABOUT" HE SAYS—Nothing to get excited about, said George Malcolm of Milton, Ont., and his wife, when they were told they had won \$20,000 in the recent Irish sweepstakes. Here are Malcolm, his son Frank, Mrs. George Malcolm, Mrs. H. Upton, daughter, and H. Upton, son-in-law, with Donald, nine months old.



NEW POLISH CONSUL-GENERAL FOR CANADA—Assigned to duties in Canada as the Polish consul-general, Dr. Tadeusz Rakowsky, shown here with his wife, Jadwiga, and daughter Teresa, arrived in New York, recently. Family pet also came. Dr. Rakowsky was forced underground from Germany during the war.



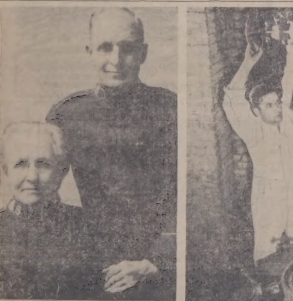
HOUSING PROBLEM—Finding housing accommodation in small cities and towns in Canada is "tough", but finding it in Norway is "impossible", according to Mrs. Audrey Odenmark, who married Sven Odenmark when he was training in Canada with the Royal Norwegian Air Force. Their daughter, Rand, 2½, born in Canada, speaks only Norwegian. Mrs. Odenmark and family arrived in Halifax after two years in Norway. "Some people are told they will have to wait as long as 10 years before they can expect a home," Mrs. Odenmark reported.



MAULED BY POLAR BEAR—Badly mauled by a polar bear while stationed at Resolute Bay, 1,600 miles from the North Pole, E. R. Gossens of Port Arthur was flown to Goose Bay, Labrador. His wife, shown here with him, said his last words to her before he left Port Arthur to become a wireless operator at Resolute were not to worry about his nothing could happen where he was going.



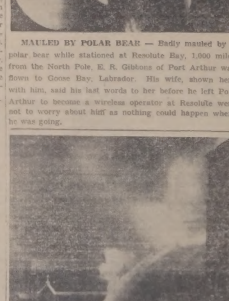
TODAY A PET—TOMORROW A COAT?—Mrs. Walter Pollett of St. Louis bravely demonstrates that "Shopper" her pet oddie is really very tame. She and her husband found "Shopper" in the Ontario valley, in Venezuela. Pollett rescued the baby kit when a bull-dog crashed into his jungle home. Here it is biting Mrs. Pollett's nose, but it's all in fun. "Shopper" had better be good or he'll find himself making a nice coat for Mrs. Pollett's wardrobe.



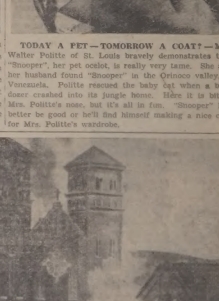
S.A. VETERANS CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING—Col. and Mrs. David McAnamond of the Salvation Army recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Both joined the Army in their teens and have served in many parts of Canada as corps officers and divisional commanders. Mrs. McAnamond was born in Danville, Que. Col. McAnamond in Britannia, on the Bay of Fundy. Mrs. O. G. Welbourne, a S.A. brigadier, stationed in China.



CLAIMS HALF OF \$100,000 PRIZE—George Hester, Toronto pants presser, believes he will be \$50,000 richer when he catches up to George Gervoy of Toronto. Hester claims he bought a half interest in Gervoy's ticket on Paya Pulner, the horse which won the Irish sweepstakes race at Cambridgeham, Eng., and therefore should collect half the \$100,000 prize money. So far Mr. Gervoy has been "out" to all callers since news of the winner's name was announced.



FIREST RISKS LIFE TO SAVE SACRAMENT IN SUBURBY FIRE—\$150,000 fire in Sudbury, which left only the walls of the Roman Catholic Church of Christ the King standing, broke out and soon spread through the building. Chid in pyjamas and bathrobe and wearing woman's helmet, the curate, Rev. L. Witting, rushed his life to save the blessed sacrament. Firemen pour water on burning building.



HOLIDAY FOR JOHN BARLEYCORN—With U.S. citizens cutting down on their drinking so that hungry Europeans may traverse their eating distilleries have stopped making whiskey to preserve precious grain for shipment to starving Europe. Here is Joseph Kodo, employee at a Philadelphia distillery, shutting off the valve that stops the mash from entering one of the huge vats. All grain unused by the distillers up to the shut-down will be turned back to the government.

